

CLAIMS:

1. A method for forming a coloured tape comprising:
 - providing a base film of a polymeric material having a first surface and a second surface;
 - 5 applying a first layer of a laminating adhesive so as to cover the first surface of the base film;
 - drying the laminating adhesive to provide a dry layer thereon;
 - applying a second layer of a melted hot melt adhesive on top of the first layer and cooling the second layer to form a solidified layer of hot melt adhesive;
 - 10 forming the tape in a tape width;
 - and winding the tape into a roll;
 - wherein a colouring agent is added into the first layer so as to provide a colour to the tape visible through the base film.
2. The method according to Claim 1 including longitudinally slitting 15 the film and the first and second layers thereon into a plurality of side by side tapes and winding the tapes into individual supply packages for supply to an end use machine.
3. The method according to Claim 1 wherein the base film is PET.
4. The method according to Claim 1 wherein the base film and the 20 first and second layers thereon are cut into a plurality of coloured tabs which are arranged for bonding to a paper sheet as a tab thereon.

5. The method according to Claim 4 wherein the base film and the first and second layers thereon are cut into a plurality of coloured tabs which are bonded by the hot melt adhesive to a paper sheet as a tab thereon.

6. The method according to Claim 1 wherein the base film has a thickness in the range 0.00048 inches to 0.004 inches.

5 7. The method according to Claim 4 wherein the tabs consist solely of the base film and the first and second layers thereon and the colouring agent in the first layer.

8. The method according to Claim 1 wherein the dry laminating layer is applied as a liquid including solvents which are driven off prior to application 10 of the second layer.

9. The method according to Claim 1 wherein the colouring agent is admixed with the liquid laminating layer prior to application to the base film.

10. The method according to Claim 1 wherein the hot melt adhesive 15 is arranged to be bonded to a substrate by heating the adhesive.

11. The method according to Claim 1 wherein the hot melt adhesive is arranged to be pressure sensitive and the second surface of the base film is arranged to have release characteristics relative to the pressure sensitive adhesive.

12. A coloured tape comprising:
20 a base film of a polymeric material having a first surface and a second surface;
a first layer of a dry laminating adhesive covering the first surface of the base film;

a second layer of a set hot melt adhesive on top of the first layer;
the tape having a tape width and being wound into a roll;
wherein a colouring agent is contained within the first layer so as to
provide a colour to the tape visible through the base film.

5 13. The tape according to Claim 12 wherein the base film is PET.

14. The tape according to Claim 12 wherein the base film has a
thickness in the range 0.00048 inches to 0.004 inches.

15. The method according to Claim 12 wherein the tape consist
solely of the base film and the first and second layers thereon and the colouring
agent in the first layer.

10 16. The tape according to Claim 12 wherein the hot melt adhesive is
arranged to be bonded to a substrate by heating of the adhesive.

17. The tape according to Claim 12 wherein the hot melt adhesive is
arranged to be pressure sensitive and the second surface of the base film is
15 arranged to have release characteristics relative to the pressure sensitive adhesive.

18. A combination comprising
a paper substrate;
a coloured tab formed from a tabbing tape attached to the substrate
comprising:

20 a base film of a polymeric material having a first surface and a second
surface;
a first layer of a dry laminating adhesive covering the first surface of
the base film;

a second layer of a set hot melt adhesive on top of the first layer; the tab being attached to the substrate by the hot melt adhesive; wherein a colouring agent is contained within the first layer so as to provide a colour to the tape visible through the base film.

5 19. The file folder according to Claim 18 wherein the base film is PET.

20. The file folder according to Claim 18 wherein the base film has a thickness in the range 0.00048 inches to 0.004 inches.

10 21. The file folder according to Claim 18 wherein the tape consist solely of the base film and the first and second layers thereon and the colouring agent in the first layer.

22. The file folder according to Claim 18 wherein the hot melt adhesive is bonded to the substrate by heating of the adhesive.

15 23. The file folder according to Claim 18 wherein the hot melt adhesive is pressure sensitively attached to the substrate.